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PLEASE PASS: MAJOR EXPORTS PROJECT DIVISION

E.O. 11652 : NA  
TAGS : BEXP, BTIO, NI, ELTN  
SUBJ : MAJOR PROJECT: RAILROAD--DECISION MAKING AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS

REF : A) STATE 128518; B) LAGOS 5062; C) STATE 110107

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A, EMBASSY FOUND THAT DECISIONS  
ON RAILWAY PROJECT BEGIN WITH NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION  
(NRC) PROJECT MANAGER OMOTOSO WHO ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATOR  
JAKPA WHO ANSWERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NRC. IF PROJECT  
VALUE UNDER NAIRA 1 MILLION (DOLLARS 1.53 MILLION) BOARD'S  
DECISION IS FINAL.

2. IF PROJECT VALUE GREATER THEN IT FORWARDED TO MINISTRY  
OF TRANSPORT DEPT SECRETARY (LAND) IYONG WHO ANSWERS TO  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (LAND) ONUKOSIE. ONUKOSIE RECENTLY REPLACED  
SOETAN WHO HAD REPLACED OBI. DECISION NEXT FORWARDED TO  
PERMANENT SECRETARY IBIE WHO FORWARDS TO COMMISSIONER MAGORO.  
MAGORO HAS FINAL SAY IN MINISTRY. MINISTRY ONLY REVERSES  
NRC DECISIONS WHEN THEY SPOT GLARING ANOMALIES. ONE RECENT  
CASE WAS NRC RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER NZEGWU REGIME TO AWARD  
CONTRACTS COVERING EVERYTHING FROM SURVEY THRU CONSTRUCTION  
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TO SINGLE FIRMS. ANY OF FORENAMED OFFICIALS CAN SEEK  
TECHNICAL ADVICE FROM GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR RAILWAYS SESHADRI.

3. ASSUMING MINISTRY APPROVAL, COMMISSIONER NEXT PRESENTS  
PROJECT TO FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WHICH INCLUDES OTHER  
COMMISSIONERS AND GIVES FINAL SPENDING DECISION FOR NIGERIA.

4. STANDARD GUAGE EQUIPMENT NEEDS NOT YET DETERMINED. NEEDS WILL FOLLOW FROM TRAFFIC SURVEY MENTIONED PARA 1 REFTEL B. DECISION ON CONTRACT EXPECTED THIS WEEK. SESHADRI SAID TAMS NOT LIKELY WINNER AMONG 5 FIRMS MENTIONED IN REFTEL B SINCE NOT RECOMMENDED BY NRC. SURVEY WILL REQUIRE 18 MONTHS. TRAFFIC SURVEY CONTRACT ALSO REQUIRES WINNER TO SERVE AS COORDINATING CONSULTANT FOR WORK DONE ON SECTIONS 5 AND 8.

5. IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION PARA 2 REFTEL C, EMBOFF FOUND JAKPA UNUSALLY UNCOMMUNICATIVE ABOUT USE OF U.S. SERVICES OR STATUS OF NRC PROJECTS. PERHAPS JAKPA FEARS BEING TAINTED WITH EVEN SUGGESTION OF FOREIGN INFLUENCE. EMBASSY FEELS OFFER OF UNUSED NZEGWU TRIP TO JAKPA WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AT THIS TIME.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY CONSIDERING LETTER COMMISSIONER MAGORO TAMS BEHALF . PLEASE CHECK WITH TAMS (GLYNN OR LOW) ON THIS AND ADVISE THEIR RESPONSE IMMEDIATE.  
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